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**Supplemental  
Notice of Allowability**

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10/618,135

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/30/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 58,59,63,64,68-70,72,73,75,76 and 78 (renumbered as claims 1-12).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 10/24/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
**MOHAMMAD ALI**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is in response to the after final amendment filed on 10/30/2006. After a search and thorough examination of the present application and in light of the prior art made of record claims 58,59,63,64,68-70,72,73,75,76,78 as amended are allowed. Claims 1-57,60-62,65-67,71,74,77 have been canceled.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in applicant's remarks made in an amendment by Craig G. Holmes Reg. No. 44,770 on April 19,2006.

**Please change the title, which was filed on 7/11/2003 to:**

**A MECHANISM FOR REPLICATING AND MAINTAINING FILES IN A  
SPACE-EFFICIENT MANNER**

***Reason for Allowance***

2. The prior art made of record does not teach or fairly suggest receiving a request to modify said current file, creating a new file, wherein said new file is a replica of said current file and wherein said new file is associated with a file descriptor, modifying said new file in response to said request to modify said current file, wherein said new file is only accessible by an entity that sent said request to modify said current file, linking said file descriptor to said file name, such that said new file replaces said current file, wherein said current file is associated with a plurality of data blocks, based on creating said new file, said new file is associated with said plurality of data blocks, modifying said new file in response to said request to modify said current file further comprises: associating at least one additional data block with said new file in place of at least one original data block of said plurality of data blocks, wherein said at least one additional data block is not associated with said current file, and the content of said at least one additional data block is based on said request to modify said current file, and as a result of linking said file descriptor to said file name, said file descriptor is associated with said at least one additional data block and with said plurality of data blocks excluding said at least one original data block.

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**Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leon J. Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-0759. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 4:00Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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November 9, 2006

  
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